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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 10, 2004 wherein Claims 1-20 were rejected. Claims 1, and 15 have been amended, Claims 21 and 22 have been added, and Claims 1-22 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1-20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Ghoneim et al.

Applicants have amended the Claims 1 and 15 to better describe the present invention. The claimed present invention in Claims 1 and 15 uses a combination of acceleration based slip control and wheel speed difference slip control and arbitrates which control scheme to use. Ghoneim discloses a method of slip control which is strictly a wheel speed difference based torque control method, requiring a minimum of two wheel speed sensors. At least one sensor must be driven and the other must nondriven as disclosed in column 1, lines 45-55, column 2, lines 60-66, column 3, lines 10-15 and 41-50, and Figure 1. Ghoneim is completely silent with respect to any type of acceleration based difference in wheel slip. Ghoneim does not teach or suggest the claimed present invention.

If the Examiner relies on personal knowledge that the apparatus of the present invention is obvious, Applicants respectfully request support for this assertion in the form of an affidavit that shall be subject to contradiction or explanation by the affidavits of the Applicants and other persons under 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2).

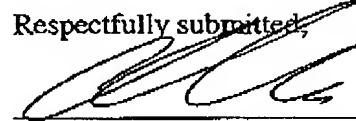
Conclusion

The entire Office Action dated March 10, 2004 has been carefully reviewed, and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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If for some reason a fee needs to be paid as well as the fee for a one-month extension of time, please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for the fees, which may be due.

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